

CLAIM LISTING

Claims 1-16 (Cancelled)

Claim 17 (Original): A method of protecting a splice of a signal transmission device comprising:

- providing a closure comprising a flexible wrapper and a water resistant material;
- arranging the splice in contact with the water resistant material;
- wrapping the flexible wrapper around the splice to bring the water resistant material into 360° contact with the splice;
- compressing the wrapped flexible wrapper in a manner to force the water resistant material into voids in the splice; and
- securing the closure to the signal transmission device.

Claim 18 (Original): The method of claim 17 wherein the flexible wrapper is water resistant.

Claim 19 (Original): The method of claim 17 wherein the flexible wrapper is water impermeable.

Claim 20 (Original): The method of claim 17 wherein the flexible wrapper comprises paper, plastic or rubber.

Claim 21 (Original): The method of claim 17 wherein the flexible wrapper comprises an adhesive material at its edge.

Claim 22 (Original): The method of claim 17 wherein water resistant material is retained within a delivery device including a porous medium.

Claim 23 (Original): The method of claim 17 wherein the porous medium is open-celled.

Claim 24 (Original): The method of claim 17 wherein the porous medium is compressible.

Claim 25 (Original): The method of claim 17 wherein the delivery device comprises one or more layers of the porous medium.

Claim 26 (Original): The method of claim 17 wherein the porous medium has a porosity of between about 4 to about 25 pores per square inch.

Claim 27 (Original): The method of claim 17 wherein the water resistant material is selected from the group consisting of a gel, a grease, an encapsulant and a potting material.

Claim 28 (Original): The method of claim 17 wherein the water resistant material is water impermeable.

Claim 29 (Original): The method of claim 17 wherein the water resistant material is a self-healing conformable gel.

Claim 30 (Original): The method of claim 17 wherein the water resistant material fills about 80% of the delivery device.

Claim 31 (Original): The method of claim 17 wherein the delivery device comprises a top surface that is substantially free of the water resistant material.

Claims 32-34 (Cancelled)